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September 2, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**CHANGES IN WORK FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 4, AND 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve changes in work and the increased contract amounts for public works construction contracts in the Cities of Baldwin Park, Lancaster, and West Covina; the unincorporated community of Hacienda Heights; and the unincorporated community south of the City of Lancaster.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Find that the requested changes in work have no significant effect on the environment and approve the increased contract amounts and the changes for the following construction contracts:

- Project ID No. RDC0013802 - 20th Street West at Avenue M, to reconstruct and resurface roadway pavement, construct a drainage system, and install traffic signals, City of Lancaster and the unincorporated community south of the City of Lancaster (5), Granite Construction Company, for variations in bid quantities, with an increase in the contract amount of \$26,960.53.

- Project ID No. TSM0010163 - Vincent Avenue, et al., to modify traffic signals, Cities of Baldwin Park and West Covina and the unincorporated community of Hacienda Heights (1, 4, and 5), Christopher R. Morales, Inc., for variations in bid quantities, installation of new conduits, modification of reinforced concrete foundations, and installation of a longer signal mast arm, with an increase in the contract amount of \$50,098.00.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain your Board's approval for changes in public works contracts in support of the timely completion of the projects while avoiding delays and the potential for claims. The descriptions of the changes, estimated costs, and the necessary time extensions are listed in the attachment for each contract.

The Acting Director of Public Works has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Attached for your authorization are changes in work in excess of my delegated limits, which are required to complete Project ID Nos. RDC0013802 and TSM0010163.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Community Services (Goal 6). Approval of these changes will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and enhance the quality of life in the affected communities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

These changes in work will have no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated change order amounts for these contracts are increases of \$26,960.53 and \$50,098.00.

Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations for each of the respective projects to cover the costs of the requested changes. Detailed cost breakdowns for each of the changes, together with contract cost summaries, are included in the attachments.

If these changes in work are not approved, contract completion will be delayed and increased costs incurred.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Each of the subject contracts for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The changes in work as described above and in the attachments do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Each contract provides that the contractor be compensated for the work resulting from changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs are based on contract unit prices, time and materials, or negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the costs of the changes are included in the attachments.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

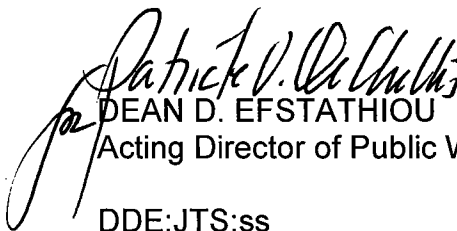
Approval of the requested changes by your Board will ensure the timely completion of work under each of the respective contracts and result in complete and usable facilities.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,


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Acting Director of Public Works

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Attachments (2)

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

CHANGE IN WORK (AUTHORIZE)
September 2, 2008

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0013802 - 20TH STREET WEST AT AVENUE M (City of Lancaster and the unincorporated community south of the City of Lancaster), Supervisorial District 5, Contractor: Granite Construction Company

Project Description:

Reconstruction and resurfacing of roadway pavement, construction of a precast concrete box storm drain system and drainage structures, installation of traffic signals and striping and pavement markings, and other appurtenant work.

Changes in Work:

Variations in Bid Quantities	\$26,960.53
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Description of Changes:

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes will be based on contract unit prices.

No additional working days will be required because of these changes.

Financial Information:

A portion of the project is within the City of Lancaster. County-City cooperative financial Agreement No. 75874 provides for the County to perform the preliminary engineering and administer the construction of the project with the City and the County to finance their respective share of the project cost. Funding for these changes in work is included in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Road Fund Budget.

Revised Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$793,985.00
Changes in work to be authorized	<u>26,960.53</u>
Revised contract amount	<u>\$820,945.53</u>

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CHANGE IN WORK (AUTHORIZE)
September 2, 2008

PROJECT ID NO. TSM0010163 - VINCENT AVENUE, ET AL. (Cities of Baldwin Park and West Covina and the unincorporated community of Hacienda Heights), Supervisorial Districts 1, 4, and 5, Contractor: Christopher R. Morales, Inc.

Project Description:

Traffic signal modifications.

Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in Bid Quantities	\$ 3,998.00
(2) Install New Conduit	35,000.00
(3) Modify Reinforced Foundation	9,600.00
(4) Provide Longer Signal Mast Arm	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total	<u>\$50,098.00</u>

Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) It will be necessary for the contractor to provide and install new conduits to replace undersized existing conduits at several locations.

(3) It will be necessary to modify the reinforced traffic signal foundation from the design to fit the actual site condition.

(4) The contractor has to install a longer signal mast arm than shown on the plans to properly align with traffic lanes.

The costs for Item 1 will be based on contract unit prices. The costs for Items 2 through 4 will be based on time and materials as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications.

Twenty-two additional working days will be required because of these changes.

Financial Information:

This project is financed with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority 1999 Call for Projects Proposition C Discretionary Grant Funds for the San Gabriel Valley Forum Improvement project and County matching funds. This project will be done at no cost to the Cities involved. Funding for construction is included in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget.

Revised Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$1,195,489.00
Changes in work to be authorized	<u>50,098.00</u>
Revised contract amount	<u>\$1,245,587.00</u>

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